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CATERINA MANCINI

Belongs to the great tradition of Italian dramatic sopranos. Principal soprano of the Opera House, Rome, she has sung in every major theatre in Italy. Among her many complete operatic recordings is *Il Trovatore*, which she sings in Dublin, as well as a *Masked Ball*.

VIRGINIA ZEANI

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ANTOINETTA PASTORI

Is one of the most beautiful young Coloratura sopranos in Italy. She has just sung *Rosina* in the "Barber" at the Rome Opera House. Noted for the intense feeling and artistry with which she sings, her *Lucia* in Dublin is looked forward to eagerly.

GIANNA D'ANGELO

Following her memorable performances here a year ago, this fine soprano sang at Glyndebourne and the Edinburgh Festivals and during the early part of this season she is singing at La Scala, Milan.

MARISA PINTUS

Was acclaimed by critics and public alike last October when she received the silver statuette awarded to the rising artiste of the year at the *Orpheus Concursus* at Mantua, one of the highest awards in Italy. Her performance here as *Nedda* in *Pagliacci* following a big tour abroad is eagerly awaited.

PAOLO SILVERI

This world-famous baritone needs no introduction to Dublin audiences who are so fortunate to obtain his services so frequently despite his many engagements in every great opera house in the world.

ALVINIO MISCIANO

Is another artiste who needs no introduction here. Discovered by Paolo Silveri, he not only sings in all the major theatres in Italy, where he has partnered Tebaldi at Naples, but he appears extensively abroad.

ANTONIO GALIE

Is another artiste whose beautiful voice made a great impression a year ago. Appearing in all the leading opera houses in Italy, he has sung in *Andrea Chenier* at Rome and a *Masked Ball* at the San Carlo, Naples, recently. He appears in this latter opera at the Gaiety as well as *La Boheme* and *Lucia di Lammermoor*.

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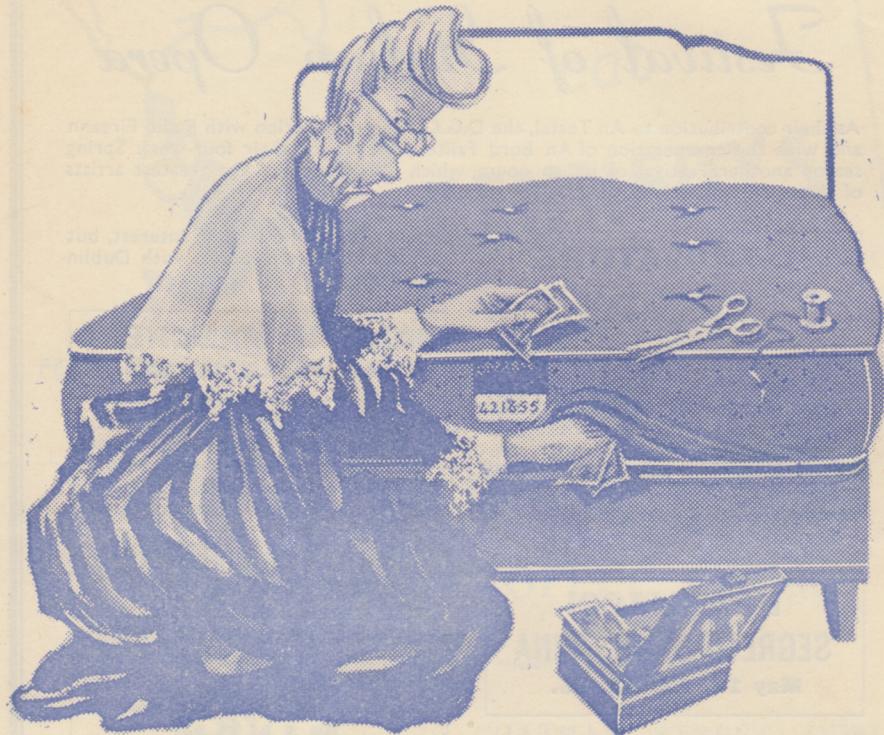
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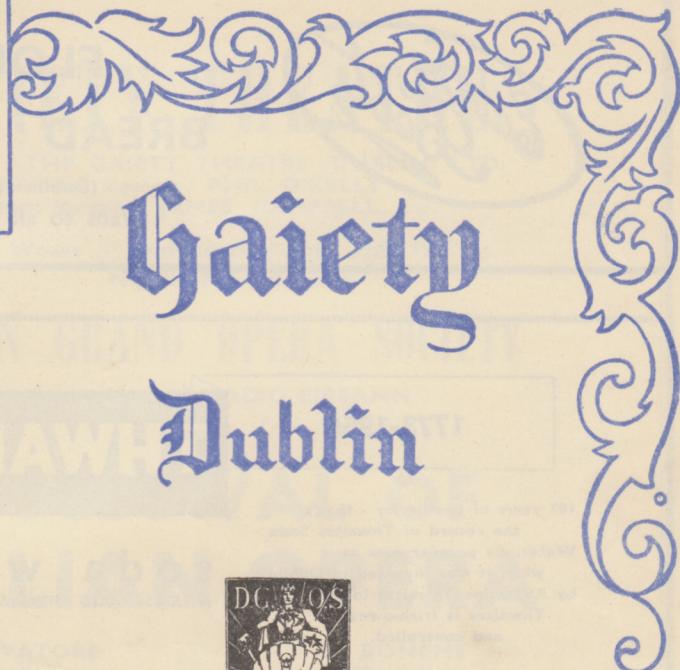
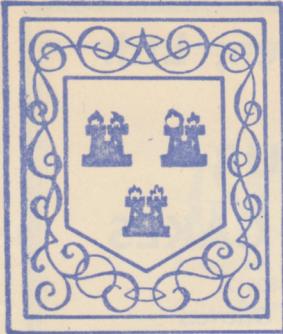
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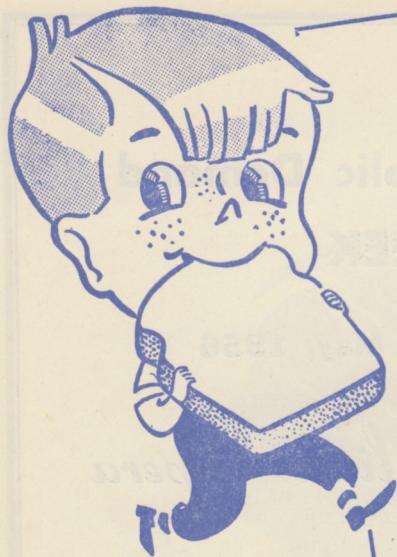
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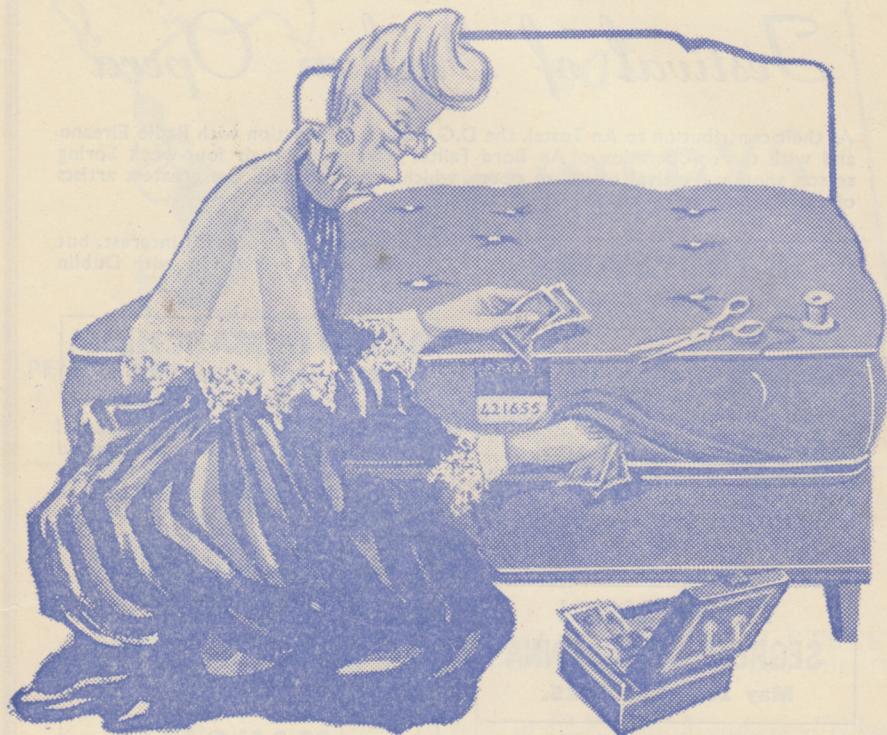
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